

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6351

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Health Service Corps Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2008

Mr. SPACE (for himself and Mr. CHILDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Rural
5 Health Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

2 **CORPS PROGRAM.**

3 Section 338(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 254k(a)) is amended by striking “such sums as
5 may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002 through
6 2006” and inserting “\$250,000,000 for each of the fiscal
7 years 2009 through 2013”.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF ACCREDITED TRAINING PROGRAMS**

9 **WITH AN INTEGRATED RURAL TRACK FOR**
10 **PURPOSES OF MEDICARE GRADUATE MED-**
11 **ICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(4)(H)(iv) of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(iv)) is
14 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
15 “For purposes of this clause, the term ‘accredited training
16 program with an integrated rural track’ means an accred-
17 ited medical residency training program located in an
18 urban area which offers a curriculum for family practice
19 for all residents in the program that meets the following
20 requirements:

21 “(I) A minimum of 4 block
22 months of rural rotations in rural
23 public health and community health
24 settings, during each of which, the
25 resident is in a rural area for 4 weeks
26 or a month.

1 “(II) A minimum of 3 months of
2 obstetrical training, or an equivalent
3 longitudinal experience.

4 “(III) A minimum of 4 months of
5 pediatric training that includes neo-
6 natal, ambulatory, inpatient, and
7 emergency department experiences
8 through rotations, or an equivalent
9 longitudinal experience.

10 “(IV) A minimum of 2 months of
11 emergency medicine rotations, or an
12 equivalent longitudinal experience.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply with respect to payments to hos-
15 pitals for cost reporting periods beginning on or after Jan-
16 uary 1, 2010.

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